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The Editor's Page

1. **A County School "Ma'am"—Mrs. J. M. Powell.**
2. **A Woman Called to Teach a Country Community.**
3. **A Community Rich With Opportunity.**

(Written March 31, 1916)

Often it seems not to be expedient to have too great a fame, since it frequently creates prejudice. It is remembered that Aristides "the Just" was banished by the votes of men whose only grievance against him was that they were tired of hearing him called "the Just."

In a measure, the Editor of this paper was not overenthusiastic when he was invited to be present at a school closing at Bethel Grove in Macon County, Alabama—a school taught by Mrs. J. M. Powell. The cause of the diffidence was that streak of "cussedness" in him which made him expect to find another case of "much cry and little wool." Mrs. Powell's school has received quite a deal of praise and the Editor has usually found persons who receive much commendation a little tiresome because of their tendency to brag about themselves or to be always wanting some one else to do it. Selah. But I met last night, in Mrs. J. M. Powell, a genuine country school ma'am concerning whom it is a pleasure to write.

Called to Teach a Country School

Since the campaign was started to glorify rural life, I have seen and read much pretended interest in the "poor colored people out in the country"; and I have seen persons figuratively fall over themselves in their great anxiety to go and teach the people better things. But I have, somehow, refused to be stampeded and have managed to keep my head on my shoulders; because I was born out in the country and I know something of the life there and have not forgotten the methods by which the country people judge those who go from cities and schools to "reform" them.

Not every one who holds a county certificate and a license from a county superintendent is fitted to teach a country school.

The country school teacher should be one "called" to teach in a rural community. Not called because rural schools are beginning to receive so much attention; not called because rural schools have not required much in the way of fitness; not called because philanthropy is beginning to divert its funds towards the improvement of rural life; but (and this is the call) because—

1. The teacher loves the country people and wants to help them. One may love to teach and be much out of place in a country school.

2. The teacher loves rural life, is contented with its agricultural occupations, has plenty of sympathy with the simple manners of its people, and is happy when working for them.

3. The teacher is able to put himself absolutely in the place of the country people and become one of them; not thinking and speaking of them as "these people," but as "our people."

Such a teacher the people will follow; and viewed by the rules above, Mrs. Powell has been called to teach a country school. The same is true of some others; but I am talking about Mrs. Powell.

"What Went Ye Out For to See?"

The Director of Tuskegee's Academic Department, Mr. E. C. Roberts; the Institute's Librarian, Miss M. E. Suarez; the school Auditor, Mr. Chas. H. Gibson; Maj. M. D. Garner, in charge of Tuskegee's Repair Division and the Editor went to see the school close.

Mr. Roberts acknowledged to the audience that he went out to see a nice school closing—but not like that.

Miss Suarez said, "Amen," when her time came.

Mr. Gibson said, "Amen" to the Amen of Miss Suarez.

Maj. Garner told the Editor, "Amen."

The Editor told the audience that **the community has a teacher who is wearing Bethel Grove on her heart;** and he said, also, "Amen."

What We Saw

We went out to see a "Rosenwald Schoolhouse," the most beautiful part of which was the schoolhouse. We saw a beautiful schoolhouse on a little hill in a more beautiful clump of trees in the branches of which hung multicolored lanterns, the whole symbolic of the school's mission to be a hill of knowledge to light up the surrounding darkness, in all directions.

We went to see a packed house of nervous children, restless parents and still more nervous and excited teachers. We saw the packed house; but nervousness of children and teachers and restlessness of audience were absent. Indeed we must have been the nervous ones, for, whereas one of our number could not bear to eat at a table prepared for us in the presence of the audience by one of the girls without having the people sing, our presence did not disturb anybody, teachers, pupils and au-

dience going right on as if we were not present.

We went to hear a number of recitations which had no relation to rural life. We heard some like those; but we also heard and saw a play that took the campaign which Alabama is conducting to teach her people to feed themselves and diversify their crops, and presented it in a way which made cotton, boll weevils, potatoes, corn, hay, peanuts, vegetables, etc., all take on a new significance.

We went to see a country school trying to imitate a city school. We saw a country school doing real rural work and doing things which many city schools have got to learn to do before they are worth very much.

The Teachers

Standing by the side of Mrs. Powell was one of our own Tuskegee girls—Juanita Conyers—born on the grounds of the Institute and a member of the class of 1916; and, yet, we have given her nothing at Tuskegee more valuable than the opportunity to observe the methods of a **real** country school teacher, a woman who seems sure of herself and knows how to get results out of her community. I saw Mrs. Powell give just one signal—the snap of her finger--for movements of all kinds. I saw such team-work with the students as delighted the heart. "Make the pupils do for themselves;" and verily, they were doing it. Mrs. Powell stood still, Juanita stood still and the pupils did the work. No wonder Juanita wants to teach in the country.

The Fat of the Land

And when we sat down to eat, small country girls clean, clean, clean and tidy served the meal, out of the food grown in the community. The school was clean, the children appeared clean and we are sure everyone felt better in consequence.

A Community Rich in Opportunity

The Bethel Grove Community follows Mrs. Powell and believes in her because she believes in them and has shown them that she knows what she is doing. Her aims are high, but, somehow they do what she asks them to do. As a matter of fact, she is a real leader, not only in school work but in other community work. I suppose some persons would say that this teacher is quite "airy." She may be, but her "airs" are able to bring things to pass—that counts.

farming is certainly the most flexible

That community is rich in opportunity. It has only to support this teacher, keep her satisfied, give her a good place to stay, see that she has the means to travel about the community, pay her a fair salary, give her a room to herself for study and not let her move to another community and it will have a worker for its salvation not to be despised.

"It's Up to the Colored Communities"

I have not written merely to praise Mrs. Powell—I was not planning to write anything about her or her school. I have said all this to get the following message across to colored rural communities:

If we are to have good country schools—schools that will make the countryside happier and better and more progressive, the colored people themselves must do the major part of the work.

The County and State can and will do some, but the colored people must interest themselves to procure good rural teachers who are interested in them; and after getting such a teacher, must strive to keep her from year to year.

It is not enough to depend upon school authorities to provide good teachers—the communities must help search for them. In this way, good workers will be "tied" to our rural communities and all will be improved.

—ISAAC FISHER.

The picture of Mrs. Powell and her school would have been inserted had it been possible to procure a cut in time for this issue of the paper.

"LOOK FOR YOUR MONEY WHERE YOU LOST IT"

Such was the counsel of a wise father to his son. The boy had failed in some project he had undertaken. Just what it was, we do not know. He might have lost a crop of wheat because of a hailstorm and was afraid to try wheat again. It may be that he lost a drove of hogs with cholera and declared that he would never again raise hogs. Possibly it was new to him and he was not onto the "how" of doing it. Sometimes a person learns more when he fails than when he succeeds. It is the schooling of experience that counts.

A man may fail to make money on a farm. He may find it harder work than he had thought for. That is no indication that he should quit. He is only preparing to begin. Of all lines of business, in this respect. Every man has within his own power the possibility of increasing or decreasing the profits, of making his work heavy or light according to his managing ability.

The use of proper farm records will show up the why and the wherefor of a lot of the leaks. Plugging up the leaks is one good way of increasing profits. Put down what you do and where you did it, what you spent and where you spent it, what you received and from whence it came. Then at the end of the year look over your record and see how much you did and what you got for doing it. Quit guessing. A guess is dangerous if you rely upon it for dollars and cents.

Some methods of keeping records are easier than others. Get a simple and complete method and you will enjoy keeping a good record.—O. S. Rayner, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

LEARN TO LIVE ON A FARM

Some one has said that the farmer's family faces two problems—how to make a living on a farm, and how to live on a farm. Although many people would answer unhesitatingly that every one knows how to live on a farm, while how to make a living is a very real problem, there is, after all, some doubt as to which is the greater prob-

Successful living in any place depends primarily upon the spiritual and mental attitude. One must be in sympathy with the natural environment in which he finds himself. The family on the farm must have a feeling of permanency. They must believe that it is the best place for them to live, the ideal place for a home, the place where the children have the best opportunity to develop strong bodies, sound minds, and the characteristics that make for efficiency. They must be open minded and try to learn whatever they can that will improve farm conditions. They must believe in wholesome recreation for themselves and every member of their household. They must realize that all the really worth while things of the city, such as household conveniences and labor saving devices, opportunities for educatin, for the enjoyment of music, art, or literature and the companionship of others, are within their reach at some time and in some

forms. When they are convinced of these things and have learned "to love the wind and the rain, the growing things, the birds, and all the rest, the dawn, the early morning ordors, and to find each part of the day, each twilight, and each nightfall filled with wonders," they will know how to live on a farm, and how to make a living on a farm will be less of a problem.—Mary L. Oberlin, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

THE COLLECTION OF PLANT MATERIAL

Many teachers of agriculture may not have had special training in collecting, preparing, mounting and preserving plant specimens for class work. Those wishing help in such work will find this information in Farmer's bulletin 586, "Collection and preservation of plant material for use in the study of agriculture."

The general subjects are collection of plant specimens; seeds and grains; wood specimens; and fungi, lichens and mosses. Directions as to what to collect, including both plant life of value to the farmer and noxious plants or weeds; how to collect; how to prepare for mounting; how to mount and how to preserve, are given for each class of specimens.

General suggestions for field work and for the arrangement of material also appear.

This bulletin, which is well illustrated, may be obtained by writing the Division of publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.—Clara Glidden, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

SAFE FARMING

Program That Means Real Diversification and Freedom from the Risks of One-Crop Agriculture

Seven objections to a one-crop system of agriculture are set forth in Circular No. 56 of the office of the Secretary, which is a reprint of an address delivered by Bradford Knapp at a conference of Southern bankers. The reasons why a one-crop system is unsafe are stated by Mr. Knapp to be as follows:

"First. Because the system depends upon market and crop conditions of the one crop alone. Failure of crop or failure of market alike bring serious disaster.

"Second. Because it does not provide for the maintenance of soil fertility.

"Third. Because it fails to provide for a sufficient live-stock industry to consume the waste products of the farm and make its waste lands productive.

"Fourth. Because it does not provide for a system of farm management under which labor, teams, and tools may be used to the fullest advantage.

"Fifth. Because it brings returns in cash but once a year instead of turning the money over more than once a year.

"Sixth. Because it does not produce the necessary foods to supply the people upon the farm and keep them in health and strength.

"Seventh. Because it limits knowledge, narrows citizenship, and does not foster home building, but does encourage commercial farming."

The remedy for these evils is diversification. Diversification, however, means something else than a change from growing cotton to growing something else. One Louisiana man, who believed that he was a convert to diversification, planted 500 acres of tomatoes. In other instances farmers turned from cotton to corn and had nothing else for sale in the fall. This of course, is not diversification at all. The term is defined in the new circular as "an agricultural system through which the living of the people upon the farm is first produced and then a number of products suited to the soil, the climate, and the market conditions of the country are judiciously selected and made the main items of profit through sale in the great markets of the world, always keeping in mind the necessity for maintaining the fertility of the soil."

This is practically the same thing as "safe farming." The essentials for its attainment in the South are stated as follows:

"1. A home garden for every family on a farm.—From one-tenth of an acre to one-fourth or one-half an acre, well located, well tilled and tended as carefully as any other crop on the farm, is what we mean by a home garden. It must be planted in rotation so as to have continuous crops, thus providing something for the family table as many days in the year as possible. To this should be added one-fourth of an acre of potatoes, either Irish or sweet potatoes, or both, to be used as food for the family. An acre of sorghum or cane should be produced to supply the family with syrup. On the subject of gardening, bulletins may be obtained from your agricultural colleges and from the Department of Agriculture.

"2. Produce enough corn to last the family and the live stock, with certainty, for one year, with a little excess for safety.

"3. Produce sufficient oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food for a year, with certainty. Remember these small grains conserve the soil in winter and provide some grazing for live stock.

"4. Produce the hay and forage crops necessary to supply the live stock on the farm for one year, not forgetting the winter and summer legumes, which not only produce hay but also enrich the soil.

"5. Produce the necessary meat for the family by increased attention to poultry and hogs. I say poultry and hogs because they can be increased most rapidly for meat production. Then farmers should plan gradually to increase, and improve through breeding, the cattle and other live stock, so as to consume the otherwise waste products and make our unprofitable or untillable lands productive. Every family should have at least two cows, so that one can be in milk all the time. We should set some standard to which to work. For a tenant farmer not less than one and preferably two cows; not less than one and possibly two sows; not less than 25 hens, preferably 50. A standard for the small-owner farmer would be not less than two milch cows, not less than two sows, and not less than 50 and preferably 100 hens. All of this stock should be well tended, well fed, and properly bred.

"6. When the living has been provided grow cotton for the main money crop.—I have endeavored to lay down general principles rather than to specify particular crops. For example, in semiarid sections of Texas and Oklahoma the grain sorghums would naturally be substituted in place of corn, and these, together with Sudan grass, would furnish forage. These same general principles apply to tobacco territory and rice territory."

Constipation a Bad Habit, and Its Cure

Constipation is responsible for an inestimable amount of discomfort and suffering, and its effects may be purely local or far-reaching, manifesting themselves in parts of the body far remote from the intestines.

Constipation may be inherited, but usually it is acquired, and the habit is often formed during infancy or childhood, says Doctor S. G. Grant, in the Mother's Magazine.

Here are some rules that, if followed, will help in the home and elsewhere to prevent and to relieve constipation:

1. The mother should carefully see that the baby has regular movements, and prevent older children from eating when and what they please.

2. All children and adults prone to constipation, should establish regular hours for eating, sleeping and emptying the bowels, and go to the closet as soon as a desire is felt, because, when nature's warning is constantly ignored, sensibility of the bowels is lost, constipation ensues, and faeces collect in the rectum without producing any sensation.

3. Young women should be taught that it is false modesty while in public places, to defer going to the toilet, for fear that someone may see them.

4. School children must always be permitted to leave the room as soon as they have a desire for an evacuation.

5. There should be a sufficient number of convenient, comfortable, well ventilated water closets in all schools, offices, factories and public institutions.

6. Promiscuous drug taking and enemata, because they readily secured a movement, should be discouraged.

7. Reading while in the toilet should be forbidden.

8. Individuals afflicted with constipation, who worry greatly about their condition, should have their minds detracted therefrom, if possible.

A diet containing a small proportion of eggs, meats, some fat, plenty of water, fruit, and a preponderance of vegetables, rich in cellulose, is desirable.

—Wallace's Farmer.

STABLE RULES

(Boston Work-Horse Parade Association)

1—The best order in feeding is: Water, hay, water again, grain.

2—Never give grain to a tired horse. Let him rest and nibble hay for an hour or two first. Grain in the manger before the horse comes in looks bad.

3—Water the horse as often as possible; but let the horse that comes in hot drink a few swallows only, until he is cool.

4—Always water the horse after he has eaten his hay at night. Do not go to bed leaving him thirsty all night.

5—Do not forget to salt the horse once a week; or, better yet, keep salt always before him. He knows best how much he needs.

6—Give a bran mash Saturday night or Sunday noon, and Wednesday night also if work is slack. After a long day in very cold or wet weather, a hot mash, half bran and half oats, with a tablespoonful of ginger, will do the horse good. Put very little salt, if any, in the mash.

7—If the horse does not eat well, or slobbers, examine his teeth.

8—Keep a good, deep, dry bed under the horse while he is in the stable, day or night, on Sundays especially. The more he lies down, the longer his legs and feet will last.

9—In order to do well, the horse must be kept warm. Give him a blanket on cool nights in late summer or early fall, and an extra blanket on an extra cold night in winter.

10—In cold rains do not tie up the horse's tail. The long tail prevents the water from running down the inside of the horse's legs and belly and keeps off a current of air from his belly.

11—Take off the harness, collar and all, when the horse comes in to feed. He will rest better without it.

12—Never put a horse up dirty or muddy for the night. At least brush his legs and belly and straighten his hair.

13—In hot weather, and in all weathers if the horse is hot, sponge his eyes, nose, dock, the harness marks, and the inside of his hindquarters, when he first comes in.

14—When the horse comes in wet with rain, first scrape him, then blanket him and rub his head, neck, loins and legs. If the weather is cold put on an extra blanket in twenty minutes, change the wet blanket when the horse dries. Do not wash the legs. Rub them dry or bandage loosely with thick bandages. It is far more important to have the legs warm and dry than clean.

15—To prevent scratches, dry the horse's fetlocks and heels when he comes in, especially in winter; and rub on a little glycerine or vaseline before he goes out in snow or mud.

16—Examine the horse's feet when he comes in, and wash them if he does not wear pads. If a horse in the city is not shod in front with pads, tar and oakum, which is the best way, it is absolutely necessary to keep his feet soft by packing them, or by wrapping a wet piece of old blanket or carpet around the foot, or by applying some hoof dressing or axle oil, inside and out, at least three times a week.

17—Let the horse have a chance to roll as often as possible; it will rest and refresh him. Give him a little clean earth or a piece of sod to eat now and then; he craves it, and it is good for his stomach and blood.

18—Speak gently to the horse, and do not swear or yell at him. He is a gentleman by instinct and he should be treated as such. The stable is the horse's home and it is your privilege to make it a happy one.

PLANTING CALENDAR

April

If the seed planted last month have made a poor stand, replant at once. Cabbage, pepper, egg plants and tomatoes may be set in open ground. If frost should make its appearance the tomato plants must be covered with tin cans, boxes or paper folded into a hood. In this way, very early tomatoes can be had. Another planting of cucumbers, squash, cushaws, pumpkin, watermelons, corn, snap and Lima beans, cowpeas and okra may be made. Cotton seed may be planted.

May

Set sweet potato slips, more tomatoes, egg plants and continue to plant pumpkins, squash, cushaws, melons, snap and Lima beans, corn, okra, etc.

June

Continue the work of May, and in addition prepare a spot of ground for turnips, rape, mustard, etc. Begin to set winter collards and cabbage. Save all good seed as they ripen.

July

Prepare the land and plant a late crop of corn. Set winter cabbage and collards; sow turnips, rutabagas, rape, mustard, and kohl rabi. Plant beets, cushaws, and snap beans for fall crops. Sweet potato vines may be planted.

August

Plant cucumbers for pickling. Set a patch of tomatoes for late crops. (Tomato cuttings are more satisfactory than young plants, and are made thus: Take about six inches of the tops or suckers of healthy vines; stick them into boxes of wet sand or in moist sandy places, and keep watered. In a few

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days, roots will form; then set out in the usual way.)

Continue to set collards and cabbage plants. Sow lettuce, radishes, beets, turnips, rutabagas, rape, mustard, and a late patch of cowpeas. Snap beans may be planted for a fall crop. Be sure to harvest the grasses suitable for hay.

September

Strawberry beds should be prepared and the plants set out. Continue to sow turnips, rutabagas, lettuce and radishes. Onions seeds may be sown, and onion sets and shallots planted. Plant collards, parsnips, parsley, English peas, cabbage seed, snap beans (of the bunch variety), tomato cuttings, asparagus roots, kale, carrots, rape, and kohl rabi.

October

Continue to set strawberries and the sowing of turnips, rape, mustard, lettuce, radishes, beets, rutabagas, parsnips, Swiss chard, salsify, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, spinach, onion sets, leeks; and transplant collard and cabbage. See that all the garden tools are repaired and made ready for spring work. Look well after the manure heaps, and see that they are not heating too much or the elements of fertility washed out by the heavy rains. Begin digging sweet potatoes; save seed.

November

Continue to look after the manure. Rake up leaves, grass, straw, muck, etc., and put into the compost heap. Lime, ashes, plaster, oyster shells, and bones beaten up are all valuable for this heap.

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Keep gunny sacks saturated with crude oil where hogs can rub against them. Raise more hogs and fewer lice.

Kill lice with crude or fuel oil sprinkled on hogs at feeding time, applied to rubbing posts or used as a two inch layer on top of water in a dipping tank.

Coughs and pneumonia from dusty beds may incidentally be prevented if louse-infested beds are oiled. Breathing dust may cause death from pneumonia and certainly renders hogs less resistant to cholera.

Throughout the country the various experiment stations have carefully tested each of these principles that should be pursued to have healthy hog herds, and so have thousands of good farmers. They have stood the test but are not substitutes for serum treatment, for they resist but do not entirely prevent cholera. These thrift-producing measures would pay if cholera did not exist.

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And whereas, the Farmers' Institute, an organization which he has fathered from its beginning and of which he was exceedingly proud, and seldom missed an opportunity to be present at its sessions and did all in his power to provide for the comfort of the farmers' wives and their friends:

And whereas, when it was not convenient for him to be present, and when report of the proceedings of our meetings were sent to him, he was never too busy or too tired to look them over carefully and was ever ready to offer suggestions for the improvement of the meetings:

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That as a testimony of our love and devotion, appreciation of him, for the great principles he has laid down, we renew our determination, increase our energy, and carry forward to full fruition the great and noble things for which he gave his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That a copy of the above be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to his bereaved family, and to "THE NEGRO FARMER AND MESSENGER."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the above be spread on our minutes and a copy of the same be sent to the members of her sorrowing family, and to "THE NEGRO FARMER AND MESSENGER."

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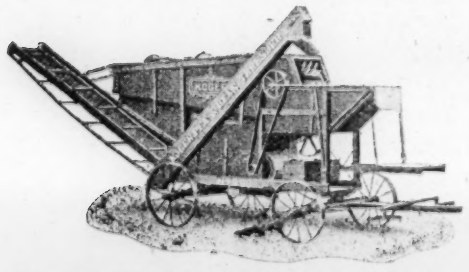

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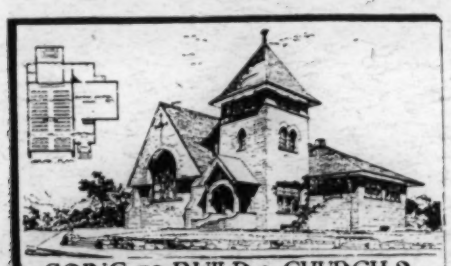

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